

## MY HEART'S DELIGHT,

A charming novelette by LOUISE STOCK-  
TON, will be published in complete form in  
next Sunday's DISPATCH. Read it.

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

## IN ONE INQUEST

The Responsibility for  
the Great Disaster  
Will Appear.

IT WILL TAKE LONG

To Get at All the Material  
for a Verdict, the  
Coroner Says.

BOUND TO VISIT THE DAM,

But This Official Says that All  
Know the Cause of the  
Catastrophe.

AN ALLUSION TO DAMAGES.

Though People Are Too Busy  
With Their Dead to  
Litigate.

THE SITUATION AS IT IS.

Houses in Kerville Being Searched—Disease  
Not Abating in That Borough—Many  
Cases of Pneumonia, Measles, Cholera  
Morbus, Etc.—A Strong Tendency to  
Blood Poisoning—Why the Police Can't  
Be Paid Out of Relief Funds—One Phari-  
sical Who Husbled Among a Great  
Many Healthy Families—What the Town  
Was Saved From in the War of Our-  
breaking Crimes—The Sheriff's Views.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

JOHNSTOWN, June 11.—I went over to  
Kerville this afternoon and hunted up Dr.  
D. W. Evans, the venerable Coroner of  
Cambria county. What the Doctor said can  
be best told in his own words. He began:  
"We have done all we could so far, which  
isn't much. The following jury was impaneled,  
as you DISPATCH have before  
known and stated: H. P. Blair,  
Abram Perner, John Cobo, J. H.  
Waininger, Frank Cobiak and John  
Devine. We held an inquest on the  
body of Mrs. Lawrence Hite, who was iden-  
tified by many and seen in the flood. This  
one inquest was held to represent all the  
dead bodies at that time, and no verdict has  
been rendered.

"Since then, owing to the excitement and  
the difficulty to secure witnesses, nothing  
has been done. The same jury will resume  
its work in about two to three weeks.

"We have not yet been up to the dam. I  
never say it myself, and therefore can't say  
anything about it, but we intend to make a  
thorough and searching investigation.

To Fix the Responsibility.

"It is the duty of the Coroner to deter-  
mine the cause and locate the responsibility  
of this disaster, and censure men, if any are  
guilty of negligence.

"It is hard to tell what a jury will de-  
cide. My experience has been that it is  
difficult to get them to censure anybody.  
Of course we all know what produced the  
catastrophe; but this the jury will have to  
determine.

"We have nothing to do with the prob-  
lem of assessing damages. That belongs to  
the province of the courts. I understand  
some of the men in the South Fork Fishing  
Club are millionaires. They should now  
shell out some of their hard cash; but un-  
derstand, I am not talking in an official  
capacity now.

"I have not heard of any damage suits  
started as yet. The people have been too  
busy burying the dead to think of anything  
like that. The jury will meet again to-  
morrow afternoon; but nothing can now be  
done; none of us have had time to collect  
evidence."

Dr. J. D. Milligan is doing good work in  
Kerville. The doctor told me this after-  
noon that disease is not abating. There are

many cases of measles, and pneumonia is a  
sequel to this complaint. Cholera morbus  
and kindred troubles of the alimentary  
tract are becoming quite common among  
adults. A new case of pneumonia was re-  
ported in Kerville to-day, making seven  
up to date; two more cases of diphtheria,  
making eight cases altogether, and six  
cases of rheumatism. Many of the women  
in the town are suffering, and there is a  
strong tendency to blood poisoning. The  
town is in bad shape. In fact no part  
of the valley is in such a horrible condition.  
The water rushed back from the bridge,  
covering the debris and many of the houses  
into the town.

Mrs. Lindenthal, who is doing Grand  
Army work along the B. & O., reports that  
they greatly need light underclothing for  
women. Most of the underclothing on the  
ground is winter stock, and too heavy for  
the hot weather.

How a Wylie Avenue Doctor Does.  
Dr. Phillips, of Wylie avenue, visited 20  
houses in Kerville this morning. He  
found two sick persons, one a case of tuber-  
culosis contracted before the flood, and a  
case of bronchitis, resulting from exposure  
since the disaster. In other respects the  
people he saw were all right. He claims  
bromine is the best deodorizer he has found  
yet. A carload of disinfectants was re-  
ceived from Pittsburgh about noon.

Concerning the payment of the tin-tag  
police, Mr. J. B. Scott said to-day: "I wish  
it to be emphatically stated that this police  
will not be paid out of any funds which I  
have any control. There is no difference  
of opinion on this subject. The Sheriff  
swore in many of these police officers, and  
Cambria county will have to pay the bill, or  
these men will have to look to the Sheriff  
for it. It was an easy matter to duplicate a  
tin-tag and carry a club, and I don't know  
where to draw the line. Oh, no; these men  
will not be paid out of funds that I con-  
trol."

The Sheriff on the 200.  
On this subject Sheriff Steinman said:  
"I think these men should be paid, and  
they will, in time. They need not worry  
about the money. All these things will ad-  
just themselves. When I got here Saturday  
night after the flood, I found the town full  
of vandals and marauders stealing every-  
thing they could put their hands on. A  
number of private citizens came to me to be  
sworn in as deputies to defend their own  
property, and many of these men don't  
want to be paid. The condition of affairs  
was such that I selected 200 men to defend  
the town. It was my business to protect  
life and property, and I did it to the best  
of my ability. I walked every street in the  
town Sunday night, looking men and stop-  
ping vandals. The wonder to me now,  
as I look back, is, how in the world we  
managed to preserve order and do as well  
as we did."

REMARKABLE BUT NO MIRACLE.

The Saving of the Statue of the Virgin Ex-  
plained by Father Tabaney.  
(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

JOHNSTOWN, June 11.—The story of the  
miraculous preservation of the statue of the  
Virgin during the wreck of St. Mary's  
Church by the flood was today investigated  
by your correspondent who found the story  
correct in all the essential particulars.  
While the entire church was inundated to the  
depth of ten feet, as is proven by the  
water lines on the walls, the statue, with  
the exception of about a foot at the base, is  
as clean and perfect as when placed in the  
altar. The circumstance is of course re-  
markable, but by no means unexplainable.  
The most reasonable supposition is that  
when the water entered the church it lifted  
the statue from its pedestal. It sank to the  
depth of about a foot, as shown by the  
marks, when it proved sufficiently buoyant  
to float, and in an upright position. As the  
water rose, of course the statue rose with it,  
until when the flood had passed and the wa-  
ter receded, which it did very gradually,  
the statue still maintaining its up-  
right position was slowly lowered and fi-  
nally left in the position found.

This explanation is favored by the Rev.  
Father Tabaney, of the St. John's Church,  
who said in that connection, "I am not at  
all superstitious, and I deplore the impres-  
sion gained credence that we are at-  
tempting to use the circumstance to illu-  
strate the power of our church. The time  
has passed when the church depended upon  
the supernatural to support it, nor do we  
want it. Catholicism is greatly misunder-  
stood. Our people look upon the incident  
as remarkable, and that is all."

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BECOMING HARD TO IDENTIFY.

Bodies Now Found Almost All Beyond Sen-  
sibility of Humanity.

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JOHNSTOWN, June 11.—The condition of  
the bodies now being taken from the wreck  
is so bad that it is almost impossible for  
their most intimate relatives to recognize  
them. It is only by clothing or jewelry that  
identifications can be certain. There is also  
great danger liable to arise by carrying the  
putrid bodies through the town to the  
morgues.

In view of this it is proposed that dis-  
infectants be placed in different convenient  
spots, and that the bodies be placed in  
necessities in charge of competent parties,  
so that when a body is found it will be  
promptly disinfected, the valuables found re-  
moved and recorded, and the body then pre-  
pared for burial.

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ONE OF THE FLOOD'S MYSTERIES.

A Number of Johnstown Houses Found  
Wandering in Neighboring Towns.

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that a number of houses found in Span-  
town and Daisytown have been recognized  
as the property of Johnstown people and re-  
turned to their owners.

How the animals were escaped from the  
water and reached the points where they  
were discovered is one of the mysteries of  
the flood.

MISS CHRISTMAN'S BODY FOUND.

A Draft for \$275 and a Valuable Gold  
Watch on the Corpses.

JOHNSTOWN, June 11.—This afternoon  
the body of Miss C. A. Christman, the  
foreign missionary from New Orleans, who  
was on the fated day express when the flood  
swept it from the track, was found.

On her person was a draft for \$275, a val-  
uable gold watch, and a small amount of  
money.

A Chinaman Ready to Remedy.  
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Coroner.

"Have you heard him speak of Dr.  
Cronin?"

"I have. I was at the trial of Dr. Cronin  
in 1888. In a conversation with me he said  
in substance that Dr. Cronin was a scound-  
rel; that the doctor was

A Menace to the Cause,  
and that it would be well for the Irish cause  
if we were rid of him."

"State the exact words of Alex